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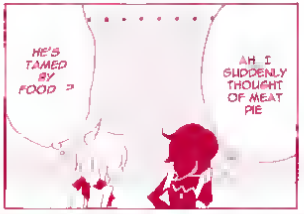
The Prince's Favourite.



I'm tired.

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Black Stone

LORD VILOF WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THIS FLOWER
IT'S CALLED NIGELLA, ISN'T IT?

YES, I DO...
I DON'T GET TO EAT MEAT AND YOU'RE JUST USELESS
...
LORD VILOF COULD IT BE THAT...
YOU MISS LIVING IN THE CASTLE?
WHAT ABOUT THAT FLOWER?
I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS THE SAME AS THE FLOWERS IN MY MOTHER'S ROOM
THE NOSTALGIA MADE ME STOP AND LOOK
BUT THIS IS FOR THE COUNTRY I'VE GOT TO FIND THE SWORD FOR THE CEREMONY
THAT'S RIGHT LET'S FIND A BLACKSMITH BEFORE THE SUN SETS
THERE'S A FAMOUS BLACKSMITH CALLED MIZL IN THIS REGION

dash
LORD VILOF?!
WHAT'S WRONG ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
LORD VILOF PLEASE WAIT!
THAT'S...

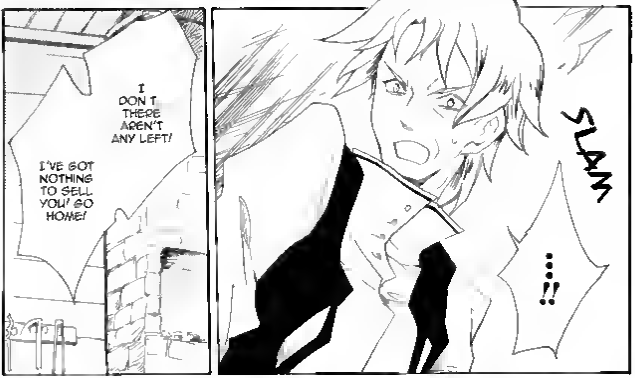
YOU SAW SOMEONE THAT LOOKED LIKE THE QUEEN?
YES BUT I LOST SIGHT OF THEM WHEN I CHASED THEM IN HERE
IF I MAY SAY SOMETHING, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY
YOU REALLY ARE HOMESICK AREN'T YOU?
AH, I HEARD THAT THE BLACKSMITH'S WORKSHOP IS AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN
MAYBE IT'S THAT HOUSE ?
S-SORRY
glare

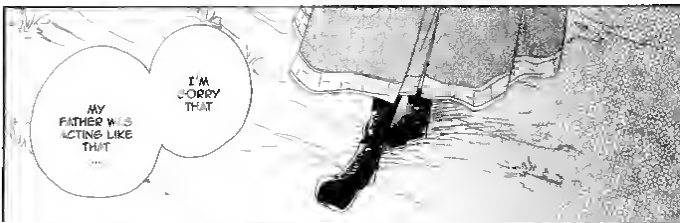
SPLASH
splash
HEY, YOU OVER THERE
KYAA?!
dash
WAS IT THAT GIRL?
!
I'M SORRY!
WE WANT TO HAVE A SWORD MADE, SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE BLACKSMITH'S HOME...
WHO ARE YOU?!
...!!

IS THIS MIZU'S WORKSHOP?
AH IT IS, BUT
MY FATHER DOESN'T MAKE WEAPONS ANYMORE
?

FATHER HAVE YOU GOT A MOMENT?
THERE ARE SOME CUSTOMERS THAT WANT A SWORD.
I'M SORRY COULD YOU LEAVE?
I'VE GIVEN UP MAKING SWORDS

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION
SHOW ME A SWORD IF YOU HAVE ANY LEFT
FATHER ...
A CUSTOMER HAS COME ALL THIS WAY BUT YOU WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO THEM?


I DON'T THERE AREN'T ANY LEFT!
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SELL YOU! GO HOME!
SLAM
...!!


I'M SORRY THAT
MY FATHER WAS ACTING LIKE THAT ...

IF YOU LIKE, PLEASE STAY IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT
WE'RE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY SO THERE PROBABLY AREN'T ANY PLACES TO STAY
THAT'D REALLY HELP
THAT... MIGHT BE DIFFICULT.
MY FATHER HAS A STUBBORN PERSONALITY.
LORD VILOF... HOW 'BOUT WE TALK TO MIZL AGAIN TOMORROW?
SIGH
I SEE
...
THE REASON HE STOPPED MAKING SWORDS WAS BECAUSE OF A CUSTOMER HE MADE A SWORD FOR LONG TIME AGO
I HEARD THAT IT'S A BAD MEMORY FOR HIM

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, GIRL?
MY NAME IS SOLANCA
WH-WHAT IS IT?

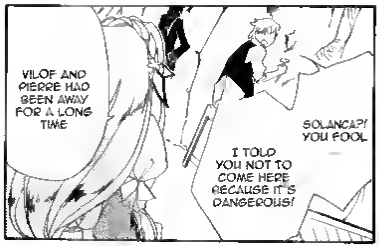
SOLANCA
YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS A FLOWER

MY NAME IS VILOF
WE'LL BE BORROWING THIS ROOM TONIGHT.
EH?

IT'S TO THANK HER FOR LETTING US STAY YESTERDAY
AND IF MIZL GOES OUT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY JOBS
IT'S UNUSUAL THAT YOU'D OFFER TO RUN AN ERRAND
WHAT IS?
THAT'S UNUSUAL
THIS IS WHERE THE BLACK STONE IS MINED FROM

YOU'RE HERE AGAIN
I DON'T NEED ANY LUNCH
YOUR DAUGHTER GAVE IT TO US BECAUSE YOU FORGOT IT
HEY WE'VE BROUGHT YOU LUNCH!
!
HEY
clang
.....
clang
I WANT TO MAKE USE OF YOUR SKILLS DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE MAKING A SWORD?
I'VE GOT NO INTENTION OF LEAVING
HOW ABOUT WE TRY AGAIN LATER?
HMM? YOU DON'T KNOW THE NAME OF THIS STONE?
WELL YOU'RE YOUNG SO YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T
clang
THAT SEEMS TO BE A VERY HARD STONE WHAT'S IT CALLED?

...
THE CUSTOMER WHO BROKE MY SWORD WAS THAT KIND OF PERSON.
SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE BLOOD AND CORPSES OF DEMONS ARE HARDENED INTO THIS STONE.
AND THERE'S A RIDICULOUS STORY WHICH SAYS YOU'LL BE TAKEN TO HELL IF YOU TOUCH IT. EVEN NOW, NO ONE WILL COME HERE ...
THE "BLACK MIRROR STONE" CAN ONLY BE MINED HERE.
IT WAS USED FOR MIRRORS AND GRINDSTONES IN THE PAST.
THAT'S WHY I'M BREAKING THIS STONE
I'M TAKING REVENGE AGAINST HIM


VILOF AND PIERRE HAD BEEN AWAY FOR A LONG TIME
SOLANCA?! YOU FOOL
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME HERE BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS!

FATHER! I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HERE

FOOD DOESN'T TASTE SO GOOD WHEN YOU EAT IT ALONE
I MADE SOME FOR YOU TWO. SO WHY DON'T WE EAT TOGETHER?

YES IT'S MEAT PIE
YOU DON'T LIKE MEAT PIE?

THAT SMELL. COULD IT BE
IS THAT ALRIGHT? THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

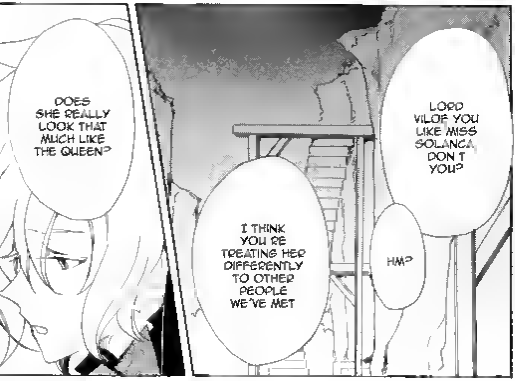
hug
Eh
-
Kyaa!
Solanca ...!
You're a good girl!
CLATTER
WAIT A MINUTE FATHER
THEY'RE NOT OUR GUESTS DON'T ENTERTAIN THEM
WE'LL EAT TOGETHER AT HOME.
SOLANCA, YOU GO HOME
EH?
grab
LORD VILOF?
I CHANGED MY MIND. GIVE BACK THE FOOD
WAIT, MIZL

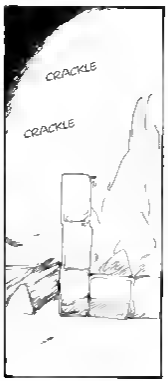
YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE BREAKING THE STONE IN REVENGE
IF I BREAK ALL THE STONES WILL YOU BE SATISFIED ENOUGH
TO LISTEN TO MY REQUEST?
IF YOU'RE ABLE TO DO THAT, THEN I MIGHT GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT
WELL IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FINISH
IF I DON'T CHANGE MY MIND
cla
ng

TRY PUTTING SOME EFFORT INTO IT LIKE MIZL DID.
IF YOU KEEP COMPLAINING, THERE WON'T BE ANY FOOD FOR YOU

THIS IS QUITE A HARD STONE
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FINISH IN ONE DAY

I understand.


DOES SHE REALLY LOOK THAT MUCH LIKE THE QUEEN?
I THINK YOU'RE TREATING HER DIFFERENTLY TO OTHER PEOPLE WE'VE MET
HM?
LORD VILOF YOU LIKE MISS SOLANCA DON'T YOU?


CRACKLE
CRACKLE

MY MOTHER DIED OF AN ILLNESS
WHEN I WAS YOUNG
YES SHE LOOKS A LOT LIKE HOW I REMEMBER MY MOTHER
?

IT WAS DURING THE DISTURBANCE AT THE END OF THE WAR
MY MOTHER WAS WEAK AND COULDN'T LEAVE HER ROOM OFTEN
THE MINISTERS DECIDED NOT TO ANNOUNCE IT SO THAT THE PEOPLE WOULDN T WORRY
I'M RELIEVED TO SEE THAT GIRL IS WELL.

DON T WORRY ABOUT IT ANYWAY
I SEE
I'M SORRY FOR NOT KNOWING ABOUT YOUR SITUATION.
I'M JUST HAPPY... AND THAT MIGHT BE REFLECTED BY MY MOOD.

SORRY, I'M TRYING MY BEST.
BUT THE MORE I DO, THE HARDER IT BECOMES TO SHAKE OFF A STRANGE FEELING.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ANYWHERE NEAR FINISHING
AH, RIGHT
I SEE. HMMM
!
I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE POISON OR SOMETHING IN IT.
THE STONE IS A SUBJECT OF RUMOURS
I-IS THAT ALRIGHT?
IT'S FINE IT'S GETTING DARK AND I'M TIRED
LET'S STOP FOR TODAY AND GO BACK.
Eh ...

rustle
MR. MIZL?
!
YOU TWO!
HAVE YOU SEEN SOLANCA?
NO. WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I TRIED TO STOP HER... BUT SHE SAID SHE WAS BRINGING DINNER FOR THE YOU TWO
DAMN. YOU MUST HAVE MISSED HER!
PIERRE WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR HER
AL-RIGHT!
!?
...
YOU CAN'T COME!

DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH US ANYMORE
GIVE UP ON THE SWORD
I HOPE THE PRESENCE FROM THAT STONE DOESN'T TURN OUT TO BE ANYTHING
I GOT CURIOUS BECAUSE HE SAID THAT
HE TOLD US NOT TO GET INVOLVED... IS THIS ALRIGHT?
SOLANCA ARE YOU HERE?
!

WHA
WHAT'S THAT? AN ARM...?
crumble
CLANG
SOLANCA!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
Pierre... get out my short sword!
EH? ALRIGHT

I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE ABLE TO MOVE
MIZL YOU TAKE SOLANCA AND GET OUT OF HERE
W-WHAT? YOU KNOW WHAT THAT THING IS?

HMM
IT'S PROBABLY THE REMAINS OF WHAT WAS USED TO FORM THE STONE

I'LL DEAL WITH IT SO YOU STAY BACK TOO, PIERRE
I'LL FIGHT TOO!
NO. I CAN'T DO THAT
DASH

BANG
clang
!
CRASH

STOP PIERRE! THAT SWORD WON'T BE ANY USE!
THE FLUTE MADE FROM DEMON BONE THIS MIGHT
IT S
grab
CRUNCH

I'M SORRY
EVEN THOUGH YOU TOLD ME NOT TO GO
THAT'S ENOUGH IT'LL MAKE YOUR INJURIES WORSE IF YOU TALK
MIZL CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
WHY DID YOU TRY TO GET ME TO STAY AWAY EARLIER?
DID YOU KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN?
NO I DIDN'T
IT'S JUST THAT YOU LOOK LIKE HIM
I FELT LIKE THE SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT HAPPENED ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO
THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO BROKE MY SWORD

SOMETHING ATTACKED HER WHILE SHE WAS THERE
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THAT THING EARLIER
HE WAS A VERY STRONG MAN
HE BROKE THE SWORDS I MAKE AND I LOST THE WILL TO MAKE THEM.
THAT TIME MY SISTER WENT TO WHERE THE BLACK STONE WAS MINED
IT SEEMS THAT SHE THOUGHT IT WAS A BLACK MIRROR STONE
...?
THE MAN GOT RID OF IT. BUT HE WAS BADLY WOUNDED.
WE LET HIM REST AT OUR HOME FOR A WHILE
WHILE HE WAS FEELING BETTER, HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO MARRY MY SISTER

THE MAN SAID HE WAS FROM SOME ROYAL FAMILY, BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM
THE STORY OF THE STONE WAS A FAKE TOO. I WAS INTENDING TO BREAK IT IN REVENGE FOR MY SISTER BEING KIDNAPPED.
BUT I DIDN'T THINK THAT THING WOULD ACTUALLY EXIST
AFTER MY SISTER LEFT, MY WIFE BECAME ILL AND DIED
ALL I HAVE LEFT IS MY DAUGHTER
I'VE GOT TO THINK OF MOVING AWAY FROM HERE
FOR HER SAKE, TOO
...
MIZL, WHAT IS YOUR SISTER'S NAME?
I MIGHT HAVE HEARD ABOUT HER DURING MY JOURNEY
HMM? AHH

HER NAME IS TIERA
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR A SWORD, WEREN'T YOU?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE SOMETHING SUITABLE FOR YOU, SO I'LL TELL YOU THIS
GO TO THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN
CRAFTSMEN GATHER WHERE THERE IS GOOD QUALITY STONE

I PUT THEM IN DANGER EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY INDIRECTLY
PIERRE
THEY'RE YOUR

IS IT ALRIGHT TO LEAVE THEM LIKE THIS?

I CAN'T CAUSE THEM ANYMORE TROUBLE
NOW FINDING A SWORD IS MY PRIORITY WE'RE GOING OVER THE MOUNTAIN

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Lord Vilet!, the nigella are in bloom! Aren't they beautful?

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Tale 7: The One Who Strikes the Sword

CAN'T YOU WALK FASTER?
YOU'RE TOO SLOW
I'M.
I'M SORRY..
I THINK IT'D BE A CHANGE OF PACE
THEN WHY DON'T WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING WHILE WE'RE WALKING?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF CLIMBING UP
I WANT TO REACH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN SOON

UMM..
THERE WAS SOMETHING I HAD DOUBTS ABOUT
..EH?
TALK ABOUT SOMETHING TO STOP ME GETTING BORED
HMM.. WE COULD DO THAT. SO ON THEN
I SUPPOSE HE DIDN'T REALISE HE WAS THE KING WHEN THIS AREA BECAME PART OF FLOOK
MIZL THE MAN WE MET YESTERDAY KNEW YOUR FATHER'S FACE AND NAME
THEY LIVE IN A REMOTE PLACE
SO THERE PROBABLY AREN'T ANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE PICTURES OF THE KING
RIGHT. HE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT MY FATHER WAS AN IMPOSTOR PRETENDING TO BE FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY.
OR MY FATHER MIGHT HAVE USED A SHORTENED VERSION OF HIS NAME WHEN HE WAS TRAVELLING

Ah
ake
...
YES.
HURRY LET'S FIND SOMEWHERE TO STAY BEFORE THE RAIN GETS ANY WORSE
IT'S STARTED RAINING? WHAT AWFUL WEATHER
WHAT'S THE MATTER PIERRE? WHY ARE YOU LYING DOWN?
Thud
...
HMM?

I SHOULD FIND SOME - WHERE WE CAN REST
WHAT A USELESS GUY
HONESTLY COLLAPSING THIS SOON
Splash
...
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE

CREAK...
WHAT IS IT?
MY COMPANION COLLAPSED I'D LIKE HIM TO REST FOR A WHILE
AH, I'M SORRY THAT HAPPENED. PLEASE COME THIS WAY
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE WALKED ON MOUNTAIN PATHS? SOME PEOPLE GET HURT
NO, HE'S JUST TIRED BECAUSE WE WALKED WITHOUT TAKING A BREAK
WITHOUT TAKING A BREAK? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
I THINK IT WAS BLAH, FROM THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN.
!
YOU CAME FROM THAT FAR AWAY?! NO WONDER HE COLLAPSED!
TAKE MY ADVICE! YOU SHOULD REST RIGHT AWAY TOO!

UMM...
IN EXCHANGE FOR GIVING YOU A ROOM, COULD I TAKE YOUR WEAPONS?
THERE'S AN ORPHANAGE NEXT DOOR. THERE ARE CHILDREN
clank
!
AH
?

I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM, LORD VILOF
MY NAME IS AIMI
VERY WELL... MY NAME IS VILOF AND MY COMPANION IS PIERRE

I'M SORRY..
I CAUSED YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE
EXACTLY!
THOUGH IT IS MY FAULT FOR WALKING WITHOUT CONSIDERING YOUR LACK OF STRENGTH
YOU SHOULD REST FOR TODAY.
WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT FACE?
N-NO REASON.. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FINE
I'LL SEE IF THERE ARE ANY BLACKSMITHS NEARBY

GOOD MORNING
HOW IS YOUR COMPANION FEELING?
HE SHOULD BE FINE IF HE RESTS FOR A WHILE.
BY THE WAY, I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK. ARE THERE ANY GOOD BLACKSMITHS AROUND HERE?
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO MAKE A SWORD
...
NO, I DON'T KNOW
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO SO PLEASE EXCUSE ME

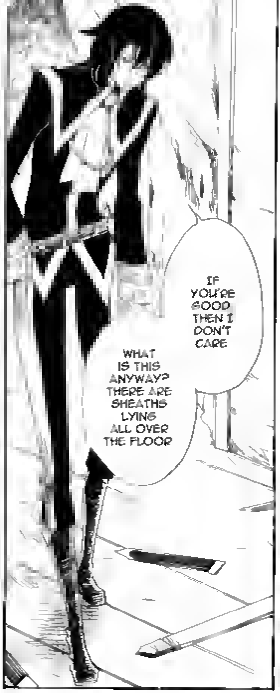
HEY MISTER READ US A BOOK
STARE
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME? SORRY BUT I REFUSE
HEHE
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A BLACK-SMITH
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW?
...
MY COMPANION STAYING IN THE GUEST ROOM WILL READ IT TO YOU WHEN HE WAKES UP
SO WHERE ARE THEY?
UMM..
WALK STRAIGHT ALONG THE PATH BEHIND THE CHURCH THAT'S WHERE THEY LIVE

WHO IS IT? COME IN

knock
knock

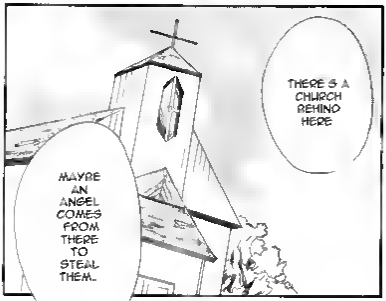
jump
WHAT?
YOU'RE A CUSTOMER?!

I HEARD THERE WAS A BLACKSMITH AROUND HERE IS THIS THE PLACE?
MMM...
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A SWORD MADE


WHAT IS THIS ANYWAY? THERE ARE SHEATHS LYING ALL OVER THE FLOOR
IF YOU'RE GOOD THEN I DON'T CARE

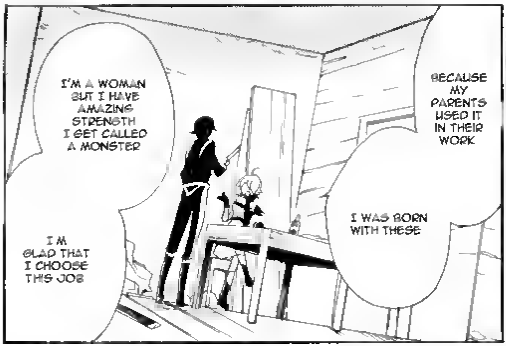
A WOMAN I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE THE BLACK-SMITH
HMM?
AH. OWW..
THAT'S RIGHT

I'M THE BLACKSMITH, FLOERLINA
IF YOU DON'T LIKE ASKING A WOMAN THEN GO HOME

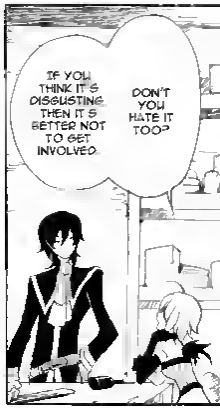

THERE'S A CHURCH BEHIND HERE
MAYBE AN ANGEL COMES FROM THERE TO STEAL THEM.

AH. THEY'VE DISAPPEARED AGAIN
WHEN I MAKE WEAPONS THEY SOMEHOW DISAPPEAR A FEW DAYS LATER

NO... I'D LIKE IT MADE SOON, IF POSSIBLE
JUDGING BY THE SHEATHS YOU SEEM TO BE PRETTY GOOD
I STARTED DRINKING BECAUSE OF THAT AND ENDED UP LIKE THIS
SORRY, BUT COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY
...
rustle
slip
THANKS...
BUT EVEN IF I MAKE IT, IT'LL PROBABLY DISAPPEAR TOO
?
THOSE THINGS ON YOUR BACK...
OH, THESE?


I'M A WOMAN BUT I HAVE AMAZING STRENGTH I GET CALLED A MONSTER
I'M GLAD THAT I CHOOSE THIS JOB
BECAUSE MY PARENTS USED IT IN THEIR WORK
I WAS BORN WITH THESE
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE BLACK MIRROR STONE? IT'S CALLED THE DEMON STONE
YES

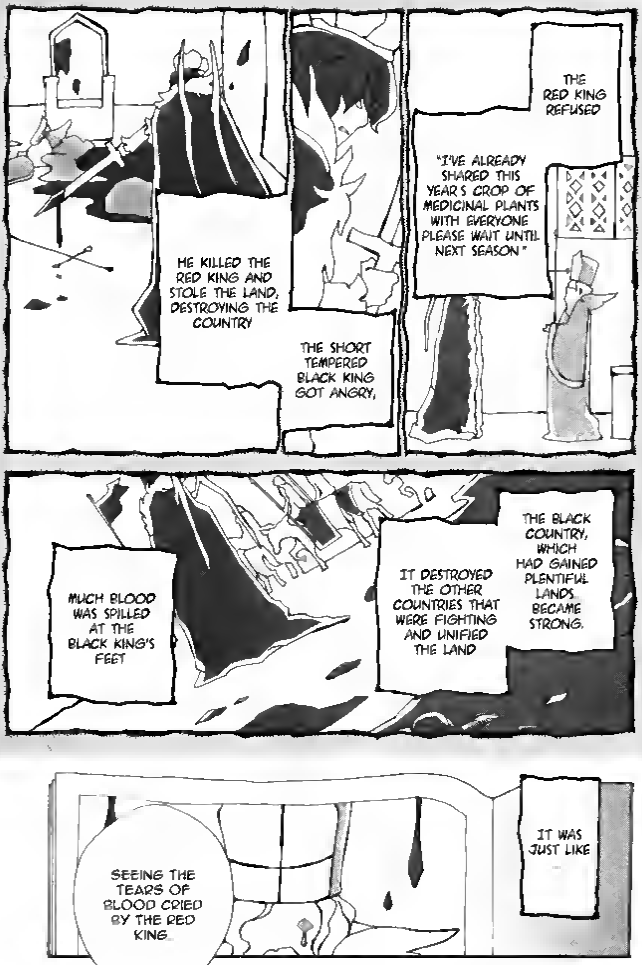
?
NO...
I'M EVEN MORE INTERESTED IN ASKING YOU NOW


IF YOU THINK IT'S DISGUSTING THEN IT'S BETTER NOT TO GET INVOLVED.
DON'T YOU HATE IT TOO?

I'LL ACCEPT YOUR REQUEST. BUT CAN YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME IN RETURN?
YOU'RE STRANGE

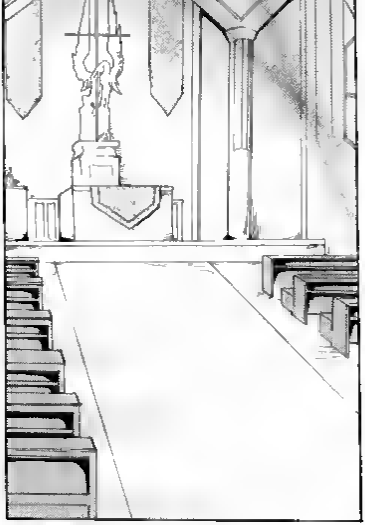
BRING ME THE WINE FROM THE ALTAR IN THE CHURCH OUT FRONT.
I WANT YOU TO BRING IT TO ME WITHOUT THE SISTER KNOWING
CREAK
BECAUSE OF MY BODY I CAN'T ENTER THE CHURCH
BUT YOU SHOULD BE OKAY
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE PIERRE THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO DO
LORD VILOF
No!
Read us a book!
You're breaking your promise, mister!

"THE RED KING AND THE BLACK KING"
LONG AGO THERE WAS A COUNTRY KNOWN AS THE RED COUNTRY
RUSTLE
SORRY I'LL BE DONE READING SOON
IN THE PLENTIFUL LANDS OF THE RED COUNTRY, MANY MEDICINAL PLANTS COULD BE HARVESTED
WHILE MANY COUNTRIES FOUGHT OVER THE LAND, THE RED KING REMAINED NEUTRAL AND SHARED THE MEDICINAL PLANTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.
ONE DAY, THE BLACK KING VISITED THE RED KING AND ASKED HIM TO SHARE THE MEDICINAL PLANTS.


THE RED KING REFUSED
"I'VE ALREADY SHARED THIS YEAR'S CROP OF MEDICINAL PLANTS WITH EVERYONE PLEASE WAIT UNTIL NEXT SEASON"
HE KILLED THE RED KING AND STOLE THE LAND, DESTROYING THE COUNTRY
THE SHORT TEMPERED BLACK KING GOT ANGRY,
THE BLACK COUNTRY, WHICH HAD GAINED PLENTIFUL LANDS, BECAME STRONG.
IT DESTROYED THE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WERE FIGHTING AND UNIFIED THE LAND
MUCH BLOOD WAS SPILLED AT THE BLACK KING'S FEET
IT WAS JUST LIKE ...
SEEING THE TEARS OF BLOOD CRIED BY THE RED KING.

.....

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE RED KING
THIS BOOK IS HANDMADE. WHO MADE IT?
SISTER JIMI WROTE IT
IT'S THE STORY OF FLOOK AND THE COUNTRY THAT THE PRIEST LIVED IN BEFORE
IT'S A SAD STORY
WE'VE GOT TO TELL CHILDREN STORIES LIKE THIS
YOU'RE RIGHT..

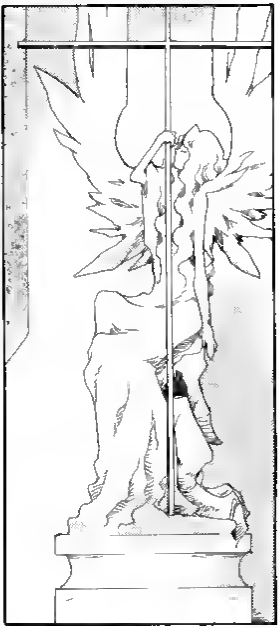


Read this next time, mister!
I CAN'T REALLY ASK HIM NOW... THAT CAN'T BE HELPED.

IF THAT BLACKSMITH HAS DEMON BLOOD,
THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE EITHER...

SO THIS IS THE ALTAR...
THE CHAPEL IN THE CASTLE WAS ALWAYS LOCKED

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY PROBLEM...



reach

LO...
LORD VILOF...?

SNAP
!?
WHAT...? MY BODY...
UH...

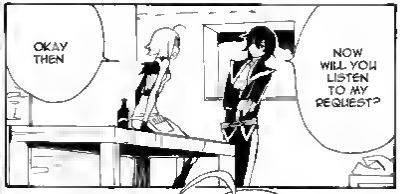
LORD VILOF WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
NO ..THING..
BUT THE WAY THINGS LOOK..
ARE YOU HURT SOMEWHERE?
DON'T
WORRY ABOUT IT..

FATHER...
WAIT, DON'T GO!

FATHER!
PLEASE..
...
VILOF...
grab
!!

THIS IS... RIGHT... I LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS...
YOU CARRIED ME HERE BY YOURSELF?
LORD VILOF... YOU'RE AWAKE!
reach
THAT'S RIGHT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY? YOU LOOK PALE
WHAT WERE YOU DOING THERE ANYWAY?
NEVER MIND ABOUT ME I'LL TELL YOU WHY LATER
ahhh...
AH...IT TASTES GREAT!
IT'S THE PERFECT CURE FOR MY HANGOVER!
DON'T TELL ANYONE YOU SAW ME IN THE CHURCH ALRIGHT PIERRE?
EH..? OKAY..

ANYTHING. THEN CAN YOU MAKE A SWORD THAT CAN CUT THROUGH DEMONS?
DEMONS?


OKAY THEN
NOW WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY REQUEST?

WHAT TYPE OF SWORD DO YOU WANT THEN?
I'LL MAKE YOU SOMETHING THAT CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING, EVEN IRON

I THINK I CAN DO IT I JUST FOUND A GOOD STONE.
HMM

I WANT SOMETHING STRONG ENOUGH TO CUT THROUGH THIS
THIS IS KNOWN AS DEMON BONE

WHAT ABOUT THE SHAPE? YOU'RE TALL SO PERHAPS A ZWEIHANDER??
YOU SEEM TO LIKE POWERFUL TECHNIQUES
RIGHT SOMETHING HEAVY IS BETTER
IF YOU KNOW WHAT SUITS ME THEN I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO YOU
REALLY? THEN I'LL DO WHAT I LIKE

[T/N] Zweihänder - A two-handed sword used during the Renaissance era]

I'LL MAKE THE SWORD HEAVY USING LIRA STONE..
NEXT I'LL MEASURE YOUR HEIGHT
CREAK
HELLO FUJOBUNA AH..
LORD VILOF SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE
EH... AIMI?!
knock
knock
WHO IS IT? I DON'T HAVE ANY HANDS FREE, SO JUST COME IN.

THE GRAPE WINE FROM THE ALTAR IS GONE
HAVE YOU SEEN IT?
?
.....
WHY ARE YOU HERE? WE'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW
HUH...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU KNOW WHAT MY BODY IS LIKE
ruffle
YOU'RE LYING...
THERE'S NO WAY I'D KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S IN THE CHURCH

PLEASE RETURN IT TO WHERE IT WAS
BYE
SHOCK
...!
YOU STILL TOUCH YOUR HAIR WHEN YOU'RE LYING JUST LIKE WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD
YOU REALLY ARE A BAD LIAR
YES I'M STAYING AT THE CHURCH NOW
GREAT YOU CAN RETURN THIS WHEN YOU GO BACK
SIGH
AH JEEZ! THAT GOOD FEELING I HAD IS RUINED!
VILOF DO YOU KNOW HER?
I'LL THINK ABOUT THE SHAPE OF THE SWORD TONIGHT
SO COME AGAIN TOMOR-ROW

I SEE
THE BLACKSMITH TOLD YOU TO BRING THE GRAPE WINE
YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE THAT SATISFIES YOU
I WON'T RELAX UNTIL IT'S DONE THOUGH
I'M GOING TO TALK TO HER AGAIN TOMORROW
I'M REALLY GLAD
THAT EVERYONE HERE IS SO KIND
IT MAKES COMING HERE WORTHWHILE
.....
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT

VILOF, ARE YOU THERE ?!
-LOF
bang
bang
annoyed
...
SHE'S REALLY LOUD
FLUERUNA? YOU'RE BEING SO LOUD WHAT IS IT?
CLATTER
AH, VILOF! SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED! LISTEN!
I TOOK A NAP AFTER I MADE THE PLANS...
BUT THEY WERE GONE WHEN I WOKE UP!
?

THE PLANS ON MY DESK
AND THE MATERIALS I WAS GOING TO USE
DISAPPEARED FROM MY WORKSHOP!

I'm sorry please wait until breakfast is over
Hmm what is it?
Grrr...

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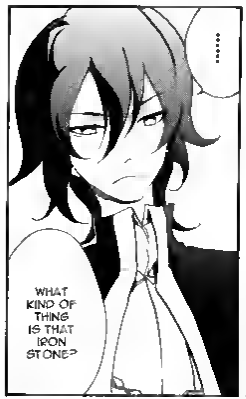
Tale 8: The One Who Holds the Cross

HEY ARE YOU SURE NO ONE HAS SEEN THEM ?!
SINCE THIS MORNING I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE PLANS AND THE IRON STONE THAT WERE IN MY HOUSE!
EVEN IF YOU DO SAY THAT, NOTHING STRANGE HAS HAPPENED
RIGHT AIMI?
YES YOU MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS
NO! I'M SURE THEY'VE GONE!
THE SWORDS I'VE MADE HAVE BEEN DISAPPEARING FOR A LONG TIME!
LISTEN MORE CAREFULLY!
WHAT IF IT WAS A THIEF?!

DIDN'T YOU THROW THEM AWAY WHEN YOU WERE DRUNK?
I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW, SO DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH THAT
FUJERUNA DON'T SAY IMPOSSIBLE THINGS
A THIEF... IT CAN'T BE
YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING HAVEN'T YOU?
grind
!!
AH
dash

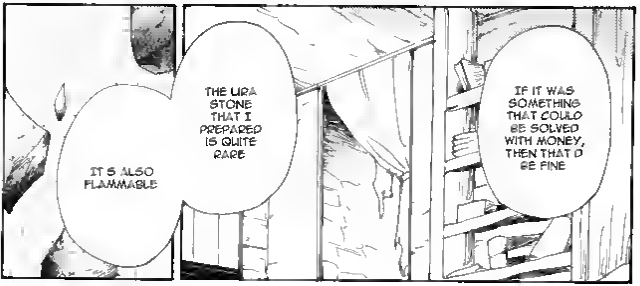
EVEN THOUGH I'M HAVING TROUBLE WHAT DOES SHE THINK SHE'S DOING?!
bang
bang
bang
AH THIS IS REALLY ANNOYING!
YOU'RE TOO NOISY CALM DOWN A LITTLE
ALTHOUGH YOU HATE THE CHURCH YOU SEEM TO BE QUITE FRIENDLY WITH THE SISTER
HOW DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
!
BLACK WINGS...?
AIMI IS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND FROM THOSE DAYS
AH A LONG TIME AGO I WAS HELPED BY AN ORPHANAGE SO I DONATE TO THEM.
RUSTLE

SORRY..
THAT'S WHY WE BECAME FRIENDS
EVEN WHEN AIMI SAW THESE HER EXPRESSION DIDN'T CHANGE
I WAS BORN THIS WAY
THERE CERTAINLY IS THE FEAR THAT WEAPONS HURT PEOPLE
BUT I WANT THE TECHNIQUES I LIGHT BY MY PARENTS TO LIVE ON.
WHEN MY PARENTS WERE ALIVE SHE OFTEN CAME TO PLAY AT THE WORKSHOP
WE'D HELP MAKING THE SWORDS TOO
IT SEEMS THAT SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME MAKING THEM EITHER
I SUPPOSE IT WAS THEN THAT SHE STARTED TO HATE SWORDS AND WEAPONS.
DURING THE WAR, MY PARENTS WERE KILLED BY THE INVADING SOLDIERS.


.....
WHAT KIND OF THING IS THAT IRON STONE?

SHE WON'T UNDERSTAND THAT, NO MATTER WHAT.

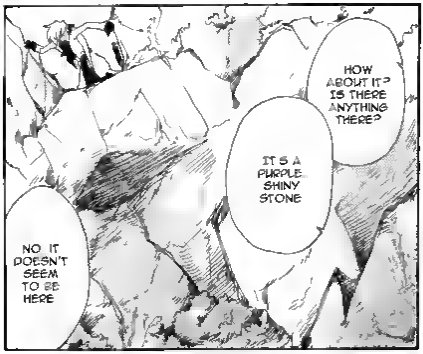
I'LL PAY FOR IT SO JUST GET THAT STONE
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE THE SWORD WELL.
YES, I WAS
HUH..? YOU CHANGED THE SUBJECT. SO YOU WEREN'T LISTENING


IT'S ALSO FLAMMABLE
THE LIRA STONE THAT I PREPARED IS QUITE RARE
IF IT WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD BE SOLVED WITH MONEY, THEN THAT'D BE FINE

rustle

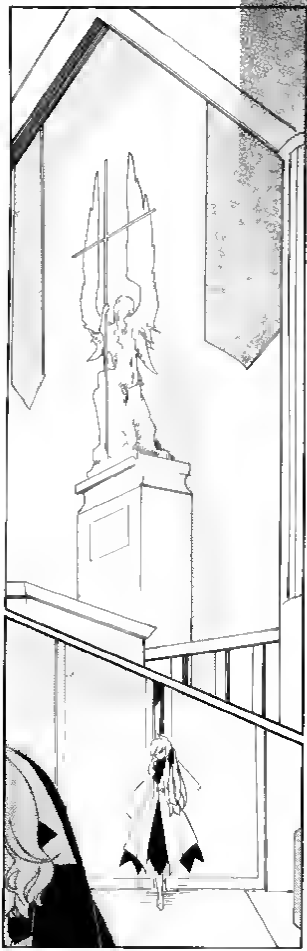
WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF AN ORDINARY PERSON GOT HOLD OF IT
HEY COULD YOU WAIT WHILE I LOOK FOR THE STONE AROUND HERE?
HMM
IN THAT CASE I'LL HELP TOO

ANYWAY IF YOU FALL DOWN THERE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET YOU
THAT'S RIGHT
...


HOW ABOUT IT? IS THERE ANYTHING THERE?
IT'S A PURPLE SHINY STONE
NO IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HERE

UMM.. I HAD AN IDEA...
HOW ABOUT LOOKING INSIDE THE CHURCH?
AH..I CAN'T FIND IT
PITTER
POTTER
EH?
...
BUT I CAN'T GO INSIDE BECAUSE OF MY BODY
IT'S THE ONLY PLACE AROUND HERE THAT WE HAVEN'T SEARCHED

WELL IT'S NOT LIKE SHE COULDN'T HAVE CARRIED THEM. BUT I DON'T THINK...
RIGHT YOU GO PIERRE
IF LIKE FUJERLINA SAID, A PERSON TOOK IT,
THEN THERE'S A HIGH POSSIBILITY THAT AIMI HAS THEM
I'M NOT INTERESTED. I'LL WAIT HERE
I SEE
EH ?
AREN'T YOU GOING, LORD VLOP?
!
grab
NO
ACTUALLY, WE SHOULD ALL GO!
...
HMM? COULD IT BE THAT YOU HATE CHURCHES?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT



Grab

I said
I'm not
going!
Hurry up!
TWIST
...!!

EXCUSE ME
I'LL HAVE A QUICK LOOK AROUND SO WAIT A MOMENT

SO YOU WERE HERE..
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU
YOU TOOK THE MATERIALS THAT FUJERINA WAS TALKING ABOUT
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
I HEARD THAT YOU HATE WEAPONS
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER WORK
WELL THAT'S FINE IF IT DOESN'T..
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE PERSON
WHO WROTE THAT BOOK

AH SISTER! HELLO!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE PLAYING IN THE CHURCH
AH WE'RE NOT PLAYING!
WE'RE HIDING...
?
CREAK
HEY HEY! IT'S OKAY-
I'M SURE NO ONE WILL FIND US HERE!
RUN-
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY UP AND HIDE!
I'M SURE WE WON'T BE FOUND AT THE BACK!
AH...
HEY YOU MUSTN'T GO UP TO THE ALTAR!

clatter
struggle
PLAY SOME-WHERE ELSE!
NO!
struggle
THAT HURTS LET GO!
Rattle
AH... THE CANDLE...
!?
CRACKLE
WHAT'S THAT?
THERE'S A PURPLE LIGHT COMING FROM INSIDE THE STATUE...
IT CAN'T BE...!

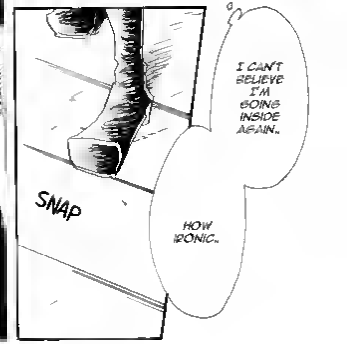
SLOW
!!
THE FIRE..
I DON'T BELIEVE IT..
LIZA ARE YOU OKAY?!
NO WHAT IS IT?!
Waaah!

CRACKLE
THE SMELL OF BURNING...?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... JUST LIKE HE SAID THE STONES ARE THERE
THIS IS BAD! WE'VE GOT TO GO AND LOOK!
grab
I'LL GO INSIDE THE CHURCH!
THEN YOU TELL THE PEOPLE NEARBY TO EVACUATE!
I KNOW... BUT I CAN'T LEAVE THEM ALONE LIKE THIS!
WAIT FUJIBUNA! YOU CAN'T GO INSIDE THE CHURCH!

ROAR

OKAY.. BE CAREFUL THEN
YOU ARE MY SPECIAL CUSTOMER AFTER ALL
OKAY..

clink


I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING INSIDE AGAIN..
SNAP
HOW IRONIC..

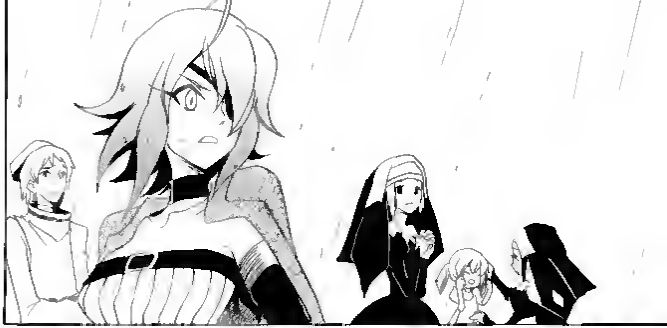
I CAN HEAR VOICES COMING FROM BEHIND THE DOOR
TO BREAK THIS, I...
!
RATTLE
RATTLE
ROAR

UH, WHY WON'T THE DOOR OPEN?!
Wheeh~!
cough
cough
cough

bang bang
SCRATCH

CRASH

LORD VILOF...
ALRIGHT!
AIWI PLEASE HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER!
...
Pierre, you're there, right?!
!
Come here right now!

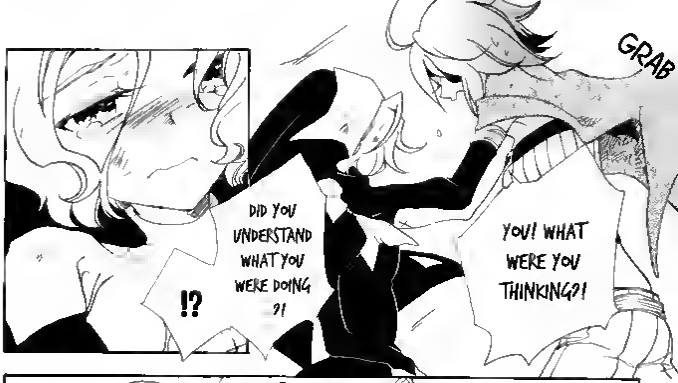


SO THE FIRE STARTED BECAUSE OF THE STONE AFTER ALL?
YES THAT'S RIGHT
I WONDER WHY IT WAS INSIDE THE CHURCH

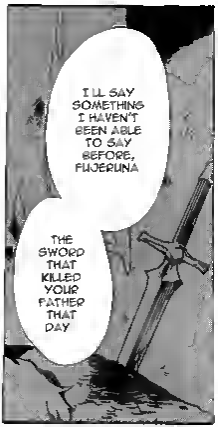
AIM! YOU'RE ALL SAFE!
YES WE INHALED SOME OF THE SMOKE BUT I THINK WE'RE OKAY
I'M GLAD EVERYONE OVER HERE IS SAFE

HMM?
THAT SWORD YOU'RE HOLDING

DID YOU DO IT?
...
THIS? I USED IT TO BREAK THE DOOR DOWN
It got bent though.
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT I MADE THAT SWORD!
WHY WAS IT INSIDE THE CHURCH?
DON'T KEEP QUIET AIMI ANSWER ME
WAS IT YOU WHO STOLE FROM MY WORKSHOP?
TELL THE TRUTH!
YES... I DID.
YOU REALLY ARE SLOW
FOR NOT NOTICING RECENTLY.


GRAB
YOU! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
DID YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE DOING ?!
!?

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THIS!
I JUST DIDN'T
WANT YOU TO HAVE ANY SAD MEMORIES!
EH..?


I'LL SAY SOMETHING I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SAY BEFORE, FUJERUNA
THE SWORD THAT KILLED YOUR FATHER THAT DAY

DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY YOUR PARENTS DIED?
THERE'S NO WAY I'D FORGET!
WHEN WE GOT BACK FROM OUR ERRAND, THE HOUSE WAS IN A TERRIBLE STATE...
YES..

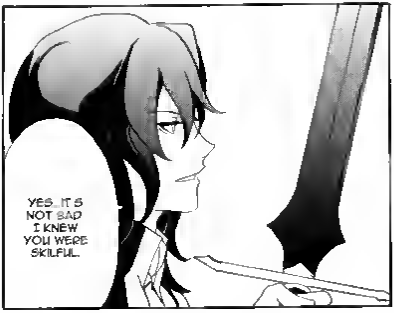
IT WAS MY FAULT YOUR FATHER DIED
I HID THEM BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO FEEL THE SAME THING
I DIDN'T BELIEVE THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
.....
-WAS ONE THAT I HELPED MAKE..
I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE..
AH...HOW RIDICULOUS!
!?
INTERRUPTING SOMEONE'S WORK FOR THAT IS JUST STUPID!
MY DAD WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO TEST ONE OF HIS SWORDS!
HE'S PROBABLY HAPPY IN THAT WORLD!

rustle
...!
HAVING YOU WORRY ABOUT ME IS JUST AN ANNOYANCE!
SO LEAVE ME ALONE ALREADY!
FUJERUNA...
I'M SORRY...
YES... YOU'RE RIGHT
LORD VILOF, CAN YOU PROMISE ME SOMETHING?
BUT THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO USE THEM?
AIMI, DON'T YOU THINK THAT WHAT'S FRIGHTENING ISN'T THE WEAPONS THEMSELVES...
WEAPONS AREN'T THE ONLY THING THAT HURT PEOPLE

DON'T USE HER SWORD FOR SOMETHING SORROWFUL.
I PROMISE.
YES.
SIGH
BUT THE IRONSTONE IS GONE, SO I CAN'T MAKE THE SWORD YOU WANT.
THE ANGEL MAY HAVE FORGIVEN ME

...
IT'S NOT COMPLETELY USELESS, BUT IT'LL BE WEAK AGAINST HEAT LIKE THIS
BLACK MIRROR STONE?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU USE THIS FUJERUNA?
THE BLACK WINDOW GLASS THAT WAS DAMAGED IN THE FIRE
CAN I USE THIS?
YES
IF YOU MIX IT WITH THE OTHER MATERIALS, THEN IT SHOULD BECOME STRONGER RIGHT?
YOU'RE RIGHT.. BUT IT'S BEEN MADE SO CAREFULLY THAT IT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE
I MIGHT USE THIS SHEATH TO MAKE THE END OF A NEW SHEATH..
DO WHAT YOU WANT

HELP OUT WITH REBUILDING THE CHURCH IF YOU CAN
I'LL MAKE IT AS FAST AS I CAN BUT IT WON'T BE DONE RIGHT AWAY.
OKAY. WE'LL COOPERATE
PIERRE WILL DO IT
OKAY.


YES. IT'S NOT BAD I KNEW YOU WERE SKILFUL.

HUH? IT'S OKAY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I LIKE IT. HAVE WHATEVER YOU LIKE AS A REWARD
THANKS TO YOU, I'M ABLE TO MAKE SWORDS AGAIN SO IT DOESN'T MATTER!

HMM. SO YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF ACCEPTING IT
PIERRE
...?
SET ASIDE HALF OF THE MONEY
OKAY

SNAP
HOW ABOUT IT? DO YOU LIKE IT?
RATTLE

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT DONATING THIS...?
I CAN'T ACCEPT IT ALL..
BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!
YES, IT'S A SIGN OF OUR FEELINGS
YOU GAVE US THE STONE FROM THE WINDOW SO PLEASE ACCEPT IT
PIERRE LET'S GO
I'LL GET TOLD OFF IF YOU DON'T
PIERRE...
VILOF...
AH...
I'M COMING NOW!
AH, YES!

THANK YOU YOU TWO
I PRAY THAT YOU'LL HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY
SO YOU FOUND A SWORD LORD VILOF
DOES THIS MEAN WE'LL BE RETURNING TO THE CASTLE AND FINISHING THIS JOURNEY?
.....
I SEE PIERRE...
EH? YES..
IF WE CONTINUE GOING DOWN LIKE THIS, WE SHOULD END UP ON THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO THE CASTLE TOWN
THAT WALL IS THE BOUNDARY WITH NEWT

THERE'S SOME MONEY LEFT IN THE BAG, ISN'T THERE?
YES.
TAKE IT AND GO BACK TO YOUR HOME
WHA...? IS IT AN ERRAND?
THAT'S NOT IT
NO. GO BACK BY YOURSELF NOW
AFTER I'VE TAKEN YOU BACK TO THE CASTLE?
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
I MEAN I'M RELIEVING YOU OF YOUR DUTY AS MY ATTENDANT.

THIS IS THE END OF YOUR JOURNEY.

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Tale 9 :
Sanguine Prince

THIS IS THE END OF YOUR JOURNEY.

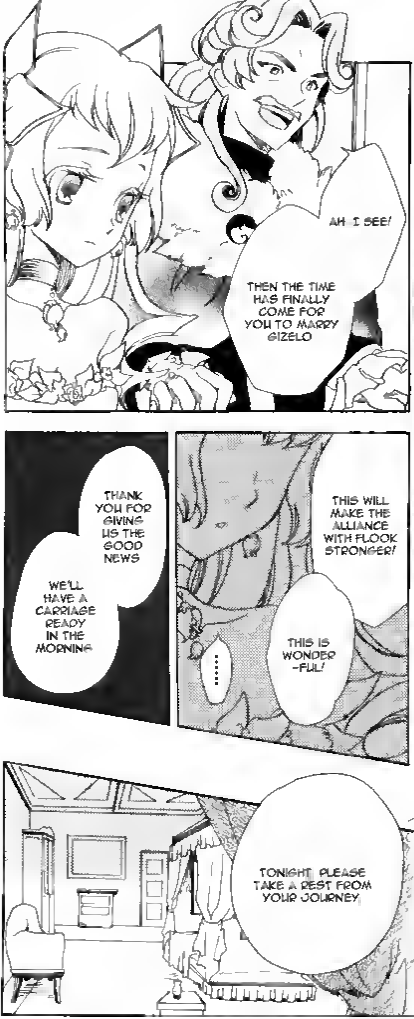
W-WAIT! DIDN'T YOU PROMISE ME THAT
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY ANYMORE
I'D MEET THE KING WHEN WE FINISHED THIS JOURNEY?
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH
YOU WENT TO THE THRONE ROOM
WHY? YOU'RE NOT BACK IN FLOOK YET
I HAVE A DUTY AS YOUR GUARD
clink
PIERRE
IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE I WANTED TO MEET THE KING THAT I
IF I MAY SAY SOMETHING I CAN'T AGREE WITH THAT!
NO!

YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DISOBEY ME
.....
IS THAT WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY TO THE ATTENDANT THAT TRAVELLED WITH YOU? LORD VILOF
I MISJUDGED YOU..

THE ATTENDANTS WHO PREVIOUSLY WENT ON THIS JOURNEY...
.....
MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED AFTER THEIR RETURN
IT WAS PROBABLY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE ROYAL FAMILY'S BLOODLINE A SECRET.
CLANG
STOP HIM!

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS
BUT I HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH THE KING LET ME THROUGH
WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE AT THE CASTLE? YOU CAN'T PASS BY WITHOUT PERMISSION
DON'T TOUCH ME
!?
SMACK
I SAID I CAN'T LET YOU THROUGH SO HURRY UP AND GO AWAY.
HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND IF YOU TELL HIM VILOFTIOA IS HERE
HURRY UP AND TELL HIM.
WHAT IS IT? THERE'S NOISE COMING FROM THE GATE.
THAT'S..
OH?
HEY! DON'T BE VIOLENT!
.....!

I'M SORRY THE GUARDS WERE RUDE TO YOU
IT'S A GOOD THING MY WIFE CALLED OUT TO YOU
PRINCE VILOFTIRA WHO OFTEN VISITS NEWT CASTLE
I RECOGNISED YOU BECAUSE YOUR APPEARANCE AND GESTURES WERE VERY SIMILAR TO THE KING OF FLOOK
YES. I'VE COME TO REPORT TO YOU ABOUT THAT
I HEARD YOU WERE ON A JOURNEY
BUT WHY ARE YOU ALONE?
I FOUND THE SWORD THAT WAS THE REASON FOR MY JOURNEY
SO AFTER THIS I'LL RETURN TO FLOOK AND SUCCEED THE KING.


I'D LIKE TO BORROW A CARRIAGE SO I CAN RETURN TO THE CASTLE
WHICH IS WHY I CAME BY HERE
AH, I SEE!
THEN THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME FOR YOU TO MARRY GIZELO
THIS WILL MAKE THE ALLIANCE WITH FLOOK STRONGER!
THIS IS WONDER-FUL!
THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE GOOD NEWS
WE'LL HAVE A CARRIAGE READY IN THE MORNING
TONIGHT, PLEASE TAKE A REST FROM YOUR JOURNEY.

I WANT TO TALK FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
VILOPTIRA ARE YOU AWAKE?
knock
knock
IS THIS THE END OF MY JOURNEY TOO?
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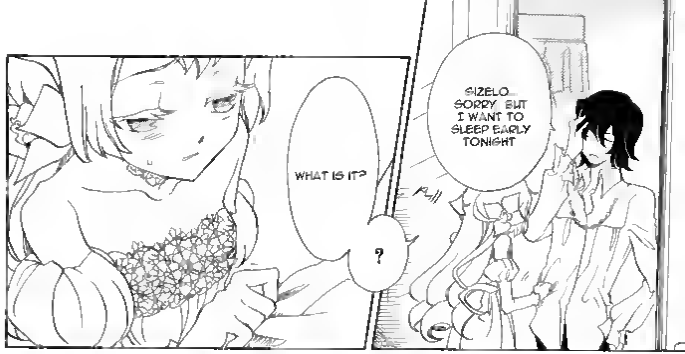

SIZELO... SORRY, BUT I WANT TO SLEEP EARLY TONIGHT
WHAT IS IT?
?

EVEN THOUGH I'M GOING TO BECOME YOUR WIFE...
EVEN THOUGH MY MOTHER AND FATHER ARE SO HAPPY...
I CAN'T STOP SHAKING...

.....
I'M SCARED.

Hey... will you...
really love me?

.....
I'M SCARED OF FLOOK'S BLOOD
THE RUMOUR THAT IT'S CALLED "THE DEMON COUNTRY" ISN'T TRUE RIGHT?
I CAN'T
BEAR A DEMON CHILD
Grab

GIZELO, DON'T LET THAT KIND OF THING LEAD YOUR HEART ASTRAY
WE ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY ABANDON YOUR FEELINGS
I SEE...
I UNDERSTAND YOUR WAY OF THINKING...
THANK YOU...
VILOFTIRA

!
THIS IS... WHY IS THERE SO MUCH BLOOD?
AHHH-!
WHERE IS MY FATHER...?
?

Y-YOUR HIGHNESS... ARE YOU INSANE?!
EVEN IF YOU DO THIS THE QUEEN
.....
!?
SLASH
thud
AH..!

HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO CRUEL ...!
RETURN MOTHER TO HER COFFIN!
FATHER PLEASE WAIT!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
VILOFTIRA
MY SON.
LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I SAY NOW.

AND...
I NO LONGER HAVE THE POWER TO BE ON THE THRONE
YOU WILL PROTECT OUR COUNTRY, WHICH HAS CONQUERED OTHER NATIONS.
LISTEN TO ME, VILOFTIRA.
ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SUCCEED THE THRONE, TAKE UP THE SWORD.

thump
FATHER...
...!?
PLEASE...
WAIT...!

IT'S NOT MY FATHER...
THIS IS...?
stab
I DON'T HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU YOUR HIGHNESS.
BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
Shiver
Ah...
Ah...
Ah...

HURRY UP AND BE QUIET!
HHHAE...!
COUGH
clink
I SEE THAT VOICE
YOU'RE...
BANG
grab
OH NO...!
...
I DIDN'T TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY ENOUGH!
HAHAHA... IT SEEMS THAT

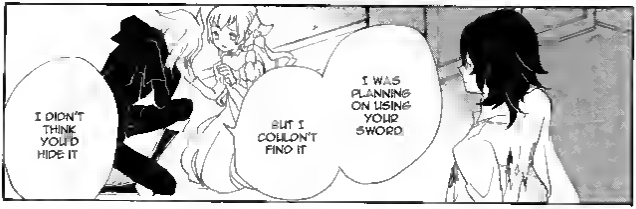
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD TRICK ME LIKE THIS!
PIERRE...!
slam
...
creak
YOU'RE QUITE STRONG...
BUT HOW LONG WILL THAT COURAGE LAST?

!!
Ugh...
!?
creak
creak
N-NO... WHAT... IS THIS? STOP!
PIP, IS GOING TO DIE!
dash
LET GO, YOU MONSTER!
GLARE
...

grab
DON'T GET IN MY WAY!
AH...
UH...
clink
DAMN IT...
PRINCESS!
...
LET GO OF HER!

SOMETHING LIKE THIS WON'T KILL ME
PRINCESS PLEASE CALM DOWN SOMEHOW
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU I
SIR ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?
SO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER..
YOU CONSPIRED TO KILL ME DID YOU?
YOUR HIGHNESS VILOFTIRA
SIGH
!
YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK? FINE
.....

S-STOP!
DESPITE BEING SO BADLY INJURED YOU CAN STILL STAND...
JUST AS I THOUGHT... AN ORDINARY SWORD IS NO GOOD...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BUT I WON'T OVERLOOK THINGS THIS TIME!
ARE YOU PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR PUNISHMENT... PIERRE?


I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D HIDE IT
BUT I COULDN'T FIND IT
I WAS PLANNING ON USING YOUR SWORD

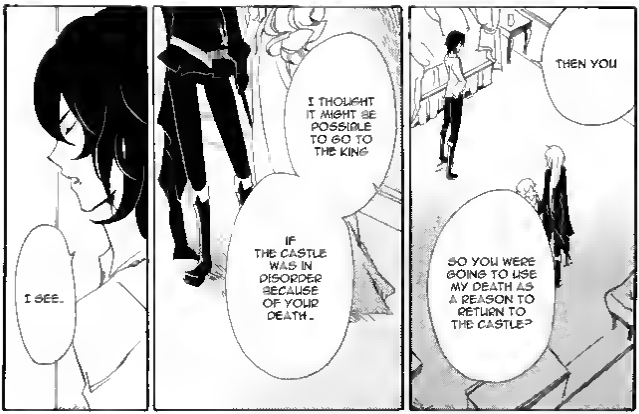
THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D SAY
IT'S NOT SOMEWHERE YOU CAN SEE IT
THAT'S BECAUSE THE CEREMONY CAN'T GO AHEAD WITHOUT IT

VERY WELL.
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT ME.
My real name is
Piref Sangui Sauria.
I'm the only living member of the Sauria royal family.

THE NAMES OF SMALL COUNTRIES THAT WERE DESTROYED JUST GET ERASED FROM HISTORY
YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT
SAURIA...
YOUR FATHER... FLOOK THE 7TH TOOK EVERYTHING...
MY COUNTRY WAS AGAINST THE WAR AND TOOK A NEUTRAL STANCE...
BUT...
SO PIERRE WAS JUST AN ALIAS...
I DIDN'T THINK THAT I'D SEE SOMETHING WRITTEN ABOUT MY COUNTRY IN A PLACE LIKE THAT
THE BOOK WRITTEN BY THE SISTER FROM THE CHURCH ON THAT MOUNTAIN PATH. DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS ABOUT?

I LIED ABOUT MYSELF TO GET INTO FLOCK CASTLE
I GOT MY FIANCE GIZELO
TO HELP ME OUT
EVEN IF I HAD TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY,
IF IT MEANT I WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET THE KING I WOULD CONTINUE SERVING YOU
DURING OUR JOURNEY
UNTIL YOU SAID WE WOULD PART WAYS
I WAS DETERMINED TO RETURN TO THE CASTLE NO MATTER WHAT
CLEARING MY FATHER'S DOUBTS
WAS THE FAITH THAT KEPT ME GOING

EVEN IF IT MEANS TAKING YOUR LIFE, I'M CERTAIN THAT I WON'T HESITATE!
.....


THEN YOU
SO YOU WERE GOING TO USE MY DEATH AS A REASON TO RETURN TO THE CASTLE?
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO GO TO THE KING
IF THE CASTLE WAS IN DISORDER BECAUSE OF YOUR DEATH..
I SEE..

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET HIM
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY
I'M TRAVELLING TO FLOCK CASTLE TOMORROW MORNING
COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO MEET HIM
!?
HOWEVER... I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR SURVIVAL
YOU MIGHT BE KILLED TO KEEP YOU QUIET
DO YOU STILL WANT TO RETURN TO THE CASTLE?
...
YES. I'LL GO WITH YOU
AND I'LL SAY THE SAME FOR YOU
DON'T FORGET THAT I'M PREPARED TO KILL YOU

NICE RESPONSE.

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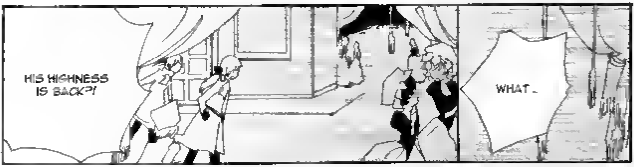
Tale 10 :
The Prince, His Follower and a Mirror

PIP, PLEASE RETURN SAFELY SOMEHOW
.....
YES. I SWEAR ON THE SWORD YOU GAVE ME
I'LL DEFINITELY RETURN

LET'S GO
...

GOOD WORK. GO BACK TO NEWT AFTER YOUR HORSES HAVE RESTED
ROGER! THANK YOU


HIS HIGHNESS IS BACK?!
WHAT...

C-COULD THAT BE THE SWORD?!
!
I CAME BACK HERE BECAUSE I FOUND IT OF COURSE
DON'T GET SO EXCITED !
WHEN WE REALISED YOUR ATTENDANT STOPPED SENDING LETTERS...
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE SAFE
YOUR HIGHNESS! WHAT ABOUT THE SWORD?! HAVE YOU FOUND IT?!
THUD
IF YOU UNDERSTAND THEN STAY BACK ALREADY! I'M BUSY!
HUH ?
I'M GOING TO SEE MY FATHER NOW
!
I WANT YOU TO LEAVE ME ALONE UNLESS I TALK TO YOU
UNDER -STAND?
CREAK

slam
YOUR HIGHNESS WHAT ARE WE DOING IN THE THRONE ROOM?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE KING IS HERE
WELL PIERRE
THE PERSON YOU WANT TO MEET SO MUCH IS THERE
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT
ISN'T THAT A PORTRAIT OF HIS MAJESTY?

WHAT?
MY FATHER WAS PUT IN THERE
AND ISN'T COMING BACK
PORTRAIT? IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT...
THAT'S A MIRROR MADE FROM BLACK STONE.
YOUR HIGHNESS W-WAIT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

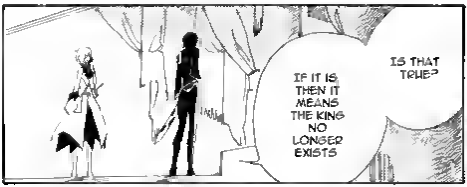
STOP TELLING BAD JOKES!
RIGHT I THOUGHT IT WAS A LIE TOO
BUT I CONFIRMED IT WAS TRUE DURING OUR JOURNEY
THAT STONE MUST BE BLACK MIRROR STONE..
MY FATHER AWAKENED THE STONE WITH THE BLOOD OF HIS RETAINERS..
!?
RETAINERS ?
WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU MEAN?
EVERYONE
HAD THEIR EYE ON THE DEMONIC POWER POSSESSED BY THE ROYAL FAMILY
IT WAS CAUSED BY HUMAN DESIRES..

FLOOK ORIGINALLY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DISPUTES OF OTHER COUNTRIES
IT WAS A SMALL AND PEACEFUL COUNTRY
MY MOTHER WAS WEAK AND BECAME SERIOUSLY ILL.
MY FATHER WAS TROUBLED BY THIS
AND THE CABINET MINISTERS RECOMMENDED INVADING OTHER COUNTRIES
THE COUNTRIES THAT EXCELLED IN THE STUDY OF MEDICINE WERE IN THE WEST
BUT THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY THE ARMIES OF COUNTRIES THAT WERE WARRING OVER LAND
ATTEMPTS TO TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES CAME TO NOTHING
OUR COUNTRY WAS ABLE TO ATTACK THEM FROM BEHIND
IF WE DEFEATED THE SURROUNDING COUNTRIES, THEN THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WOULD BE SURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE FLOOK
AND COOPERATE IN MAKING THE MEDICINE TO CURE MY MOTHER

ONLY THINKING OF SAVING MY MOTHER MY FATHER HIMSELF ENTERED THE BATTLEFIELD AND DESTROYED OTHER COUNTRIES
HOWEVER, MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY
BEFORE MY FATHER COULD RETURN TO THE CASTLE
THE CABINET MINISTERS, WHO WANTED TO INCREASE THE COUNTRY'S LAND
WENT UNNOTICED BY MY FATHER
THEY TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAD SENT MY MOTHER AWAY TO RECUPERATE
HE FOUND MY MOTHER'S COFFIN, WHICH HAD BEEN HIDDEN UNDERGROUND
WHEN MY FATHER REALISED THE MINISTERS' LIES
HE KILLED THE MINISTERS
WHILE HOLDING MY MOTHER IN HIS ARMS
.....
AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE CASTLE

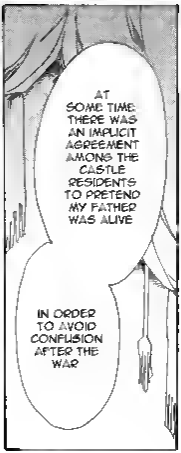
MY FATHER TOLD ME TO
TAKE A SWORD AND BREAK THIS MIRROR IN THE FUTURE
MY DESIRES HAVE TAKEN THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE
A KING LIKE ME WILL CAUSE THIS COUNTRY TO ROT
IT IS NECESSARY THAT I LEAVE AND SOMEONE NEW LEADS THIS COUNTRY.
VILOPTIRA YOU CAN DO IT.
CREATE A NEW COUNTRY
THOSE WERE MY FATHER'S FINAL WORDS TO ME

THAT....
THAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING GOOD
THE PERSON I HATED AS AN ENEMY
IS ALREADY DEAD..?


IS THAT TRUE?
IF IT IS THEN IT MEANS THE KING NO LONGER EXISTS

THEY TRIED MANY DIFFERENT THINGS
BUT NO ONE COULD BRING HIM BACK
THE REMAINING RETAINERS TOOK CHARGE OF THE COUNTRY

THAT'S WHAT FLOOK IS REALLY LIKE NOW


AT SOME TIME THERE WAS AN IMPLICIT AGREEMENT AMONG THE CASTLE RESIDENTS TO PRETEND MY FATHER WAS ALIVE
IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AFTER THE WAR

YOU WANTED TO MEET MY FATHER
AT THE END OF YOUR JOURNEY DIDN'T YOU?
PIERRE
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
WHAT WAS I
I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT.
IN PLACE OF MY FATHER
WELL, COME ON THEN.

SO THAT'S WHY
YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?
...!
THEN I'LL ALSO TAKE MY FATHER'S PLACE
AND DEFEAT YOU!
CLANG!!

CLANG
SHOWING YOUR FEELINGS RIGHT AWAY LIKE THAT IS A BAD HABIT OF YOURS
JUST AS I THOUGHT HE'S STRONG
HE GOT HIS SWORD FAIRLY OUT...
SO THAT'S THE EXTENT OF YOUR FAITH
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU AFRAID OF MY STRENGTH?

dash
swish
whoosh
!

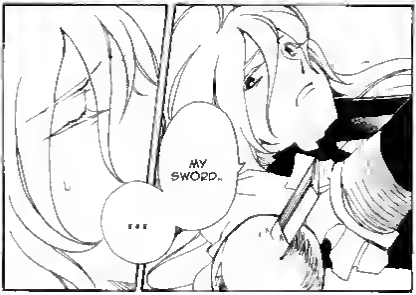
YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE QUITE CARELESS!
clink
THAT'S YOUR BAD HABIT YOUR HIGHNESS
I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU BREAK THE NECKLACE AT A TIME LIKE THIS
clink
clash
YOUR HIGHNESS
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
flash
!!

burn
!
splash
WHAT IS THIS WATER?
IT'S HOLY WATER A PRIEST IN NEWT GAVE ME
YOU WERE REFUSING TO ENTER THE CHURCH
SO IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT IT'D AFFECT YOU
splash
UH..
CLANG

Rushle
WHAT ARROGANT BEHAVIOUR !
swish

ASSSH
!!
A POWER LIKE YOURS ISN'T NEEDED IN THE HUMAN WORLD!
SCRAPE
DIE!!
SCRAPE
Krey
SNAP

CUTTING MY WINGS..


MY SWORD..
...

IT S NO SURPRISE THAT WHAT YOU JUST DID
WOULD TAKE ITS TOLL ON ME...

..FINE

THERE S NO REASON FOR ME TO LIVE ANYMORE
PLEASE KILL ME HERE

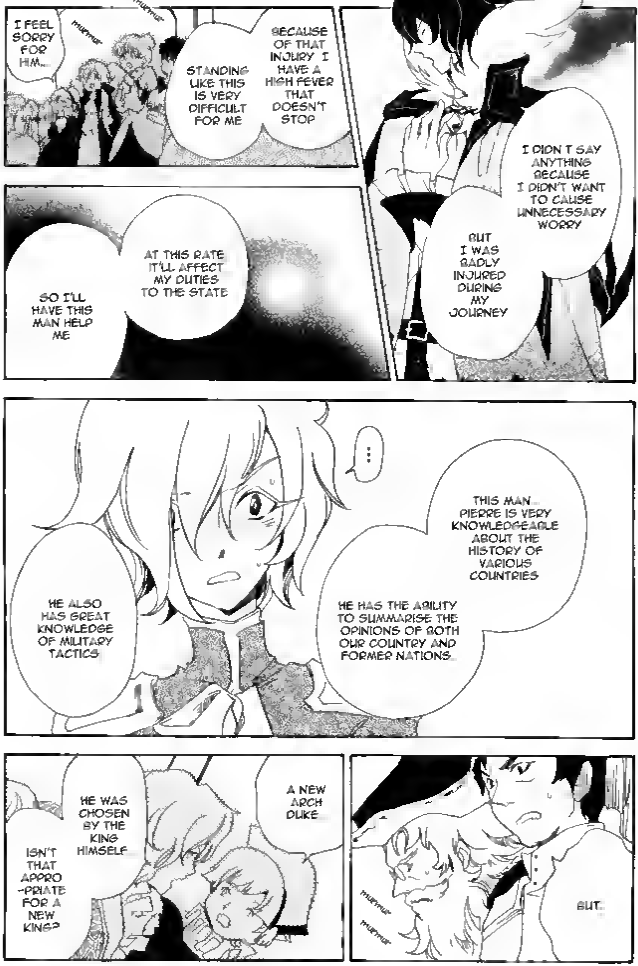
I ADMIT DEFEAT

RUSTLE
...
EH ?
MY HAIR..
move
NOW..
THE PRINCE OF SAURIA PILEF IS DEAD
YOUR HIGHNESS.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU WON'T EVEN ALLOW ME TO DIE?!
swish
.....
?
THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO DO
I MADE A PROMISE NOT TO KILL ANYONE WITH THIS SWORD..

!?
STAY THERE AND WATCH
I'M GOING TO...
FULFIL MY PROMISE TO MY FATHER.

HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THE KING IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS
SO IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR THE BIRTH OF THE NEW KING?
HE REALLY IS A CRUEL MAN
HE TOOK EVERYTHING AWAY FROM ME
AND GOT ME TO HAND OVER THE CROWN TO HIM
VILOFTIRA VANYU EDEFLOOK
AS OUR LAWS STATE, YOU TOOK THE SWORD BY YOURSELF
AND PRESENTED IT TO THE GRAVE OF THE FOUNDING KING

WE WILL NOW GIVE YOU THE KING'S CROWN
WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS THE LEADER OF THIS COUNTRY
WE DECLARE THIS AS WITNESSES TO THAT EVENT
YOUR HIGH-NESS?
!
REACH
Y-YOUR MAJESTY! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
ONLY THE KING IS ALLOWED TO..!
Shock
ACTUALLY
murmur
WHAT..?!
I'M GIVING THIS TO YOU PIERRE
TAKE IT


I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM...
mutter mutter
BECAUSE OF THAT INJURY I HAVE A HIGH FEVER THAT DOESN'T STOP
STANDING LIKE THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY WORRY
BUT I WAS BADLY INJURED DURING MY JOURNEY
AT THIS RATE IT'LL AFFECT MY DUTIES TO THE STATE
SO I'LL HAVE THIS MAN HELP ME
...
THIS MAN... PIERRE IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES
HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SUMMARISE THE OPINIONS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRY AND FORMER NATIONS...
HE ALSO HAS GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY TACTICS
A NEW ARCH DUKE...
HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE KING HIMSELF...
ISN'T THAT APPRO-PRIATE FOR A NEW KING?
mutter mutter
BUT...

NOW THAT YOU'RE AN ARCHDUKE...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MARRY YOUR PRINCESS WON'T YOU?
!
PIERRE YOU'LL LIVE FOR THE COUNTRY FROM NOW ON

DIANE! WELCOME HOME!

IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S A NEW KING
YES IT WAS REALLY BUSY IN TOWN...
YOU'RE LATE THOUGH.

WHY?
THE PREVIOUS KING, FLOOK THE 7TH, PASSED AWAY
BUT THE NEW KING IS ALSO UNWELL,
SO SOMEONE IS ASSISTING HIM.
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE
I HOPE IT'S SOMEONE WHO THINKS OF US ORDINARY PEOPLE.
...
sigh
THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COUNTRY IS ILL!
HOW PATHETIC!
OKAY, OKAY
Make it for me
NEVER MIND THAT, I WANT TO EAT DINNER SOON!
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO HEALTHY!
YOU'VE NEVER EVEN CAUGHT A COLD.
SO YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE PAIN OF ILLNESS.
BUT... WILL IT BE OKAY?

EVERYTHING RELIES ON THE POWER OF THE NEW RULER
I PRAY THAT HE'LL LEAD THE COUNTRY IN THE RIGHT WAY
HE'S BEING ASSISTED BY SOMEONE NOT IN THE ROYAL FAMILY
IT'S ONLY BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE THE WAR ENDED
BUT THERE'S ALREADY A NEW KING
SO THAT BLOOD WON'T HAVE BEEN SPILLED
FOR NO REASON..
THAT LOOKS CUTE!
AH...
SQUEAK
chatter
chatter

MANY CUSTOMERS HAVE BOUGHT IT TO WEAR ON THE KING'S GREETING DAY
SQUEEZE
ISN'T IT A LOVELY HAIRPIN?
IT'S OUR BEST PRODUCT
COME ON BENITO! DON'T BE UNCOOPE-RATIVE!
AH...
DON'T BUY IT!
A NEW KING...?
OKAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!
I'LL TAKE THIS ♡
.....
AH IT'S THE REASON FOR ALL THIS EXCITE-MENT
WHAT IS A NEW KING SUPPOSED TO CHANGE?
I'M EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM THE NEW KING

ME TOO!
WE HAVE SOMETHING HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT FOR ONCE!
AND THE ECONOMY HAS IMPROVED, SO THINGS ARE GOING GREAT!
Cough
Cough
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, FATHER?
YES. IT'S JUST A SLIGHT COUGH
THE KING'S NAME... IS THAT TRUE?
YES
HIS NAME IS VILOFTIRA. HE HAS BLACK HAIR AND BLUE EYES
I REMEMBERED VILOF FOR A MOMENT
I WONDER WHY...
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE CONNECTED THOUGH

FATHER...
THE COUNTRY WOULD BE AN INTERESTING PLACE IF HE WAS!
he
he
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO WAY THAT MAN IS ROYALTY!
RIGHT...
I HOPE SHE WAS TOO
I'M SURE THAT SHE WAS HAPPY
WHETHER THE MAN SHE ELOPED WITH WAS ROYALTY OR NOT
TIERA PROBABLY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT
RECENTLY I'VE BEEN THINKING...

YOUR MAJESTY THE CITIZENS HAVE ALREADY GATHERED.
PLEASE GO TO THE TERRACE.
YES
MUTTER
IN ORDER TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY WELL
I WILL WALK ALONGSIDE THE KING.
MUTTER

I REMEMBERED THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU
YOU SEEMED MUCH MORE CONFIDENT THEN
W-WHAT IS IT?
hehe
I CAN TELL THINGS ARE GOING TO BE TOUGH
AH, MY BACK HURTS!
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVEN'T GREETED THE CITIZENS IN A WHILE
Thanks to you!
.....
RIP
THIS IS WHAT
YOU DID THAT DAY.
RIP

IT'S NO GOOD KEEPING A WOMAN WAITING.
HURRY UP AND FINISH, SO YOU CAN SEE GIZELO.

I'VE MADE UP MY MIND AS A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS COUNTRY
I'LL TRY AND SPEAK...
USING MY OWN WORDS FROM NOW ON

...
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

SABLE PRINCE 2 END

EXTRA CHARAC -TER DATA

I made the main heroine (?) Gazelo a bit of a bad girl (just for fun).
I didn't manage to write about it, but I like to think that she became happy with Pierre.
In volume 1 I wrote about the boys, so now I'll comment on the girls.
Afterword Comic 2
I'm drawing another afterword comic. My name is Nesumi Chiseto.
Thank you very much for buying Sable Prince 2!
It was my manager's idea to have a female heroine in each chapter
By the way the names of the guest characters are all puns on certain words. Try and guess them!
But I had lots of fun drawing a different girl each time!

Special Thanks

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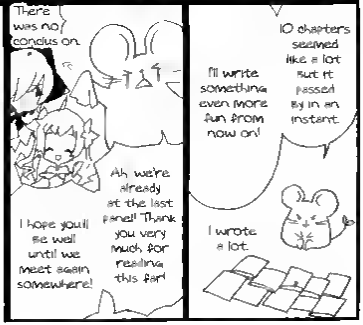
There was no/ conclusion.
I hope you'll be well until we meet again somewhere!
Ah, we're already at the last panel! Thank you very much for reading this far!
10 chapters seemed like a lot but it passed by in an instant.
I'll write something even more fun from now on!
I wrote a lot.

AWESOME PRINCE 2

VIXI HERE-! THIS ONE IS FINALLY DONE-! I FEEL SO MUCH RAGE ABOUT THIS MANGA I FEEL MALCONTENTED-! WHO'S THE SELFISH VIOLENT PRINCE-? IT CERTAINLY ISN'T VILOFTIRA-! AND NO ONE GIVES HIM CREDIT FOR IT-! HOW SAD-! NOT EVEN THE MANGA-KA SEEMS TO LOVE HIM-! POOR PRINCE-! PIERRE IS THE VIOLENT SELFISH ONE-! HE WOULD HAVE KILLED VILOF-! AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ON GIZELLO STUPID STUCK UP DOESN'T-KNOW-HOW-LUCKY-SHE-IS PRINCESS-! RAWR-!
ANYWAY I LIKE TO THINK THAT VILOFTIRA WENT OFF AND MARRIED SOLANCA (HIS COUSIN), AND THAT HIS WING GREW BACK. STUPID PIERRE-! >.>;;
I FEEL BETTER KNOWING THAT VILOF IS BETTER IN ALL WAYS TO PIERRE. (TALL, DARK, CLEVER, AWESOME, HAS WINGS, IS KING, HAS THE MORAL HIGH GROUND KIND THOUGHTFUL ;D

AND I WOULD HAVE KILLED PIERRE IF I WAS VILOF-!
(OR MAYHAPS JUST HAVE JUMPED HIM AND TAKEN HIM RIGHT THERE ON THE FLOOR)

DEATH TO GIZELLO TOO, THE WORLD NEEDS LESS INSIPID PRINCESS TYPES

Hello! This is Kai!

We finished another project! *joy*
I know the series has had its nonsensical moments, but I like to think that it was enjoyable overall.
Maybe the ending was a bit rushed, but at least everything was sorted out.
Even if Pierre didn't turn out to be a terribly nice person, I still like him!
I might have liked it better if he didn't end up with the princess though.

Thank you for reading! See you again soon!